CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 113.wmv

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1400720.005

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 22 September 2014

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 22 September 2014

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	113.wmv	8:01
Total running time:		8:01

Summary of reasons for decision:

The moving image file falls under the criteria of s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act and is deemed to be objectionable. It is a blatant depiction of the sexual abuse of two young teenage girls presenting them in forms of sexualised behaviour and activity that strongly suggests they are ready and available for adult sexual use.

The material is clearly intended to encourage viewers to consider young teenage girls as sexual

objects who are available for the sexual gratification of adults. The file encourages viewers to pursue this sexual interest and gives credence to ideas that young people are viable potential sexual partners for adults. The material has a twofold purpose: the sexual arousal and gratification of adults and the grooming of young teenage girls for sexual use.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and encourage the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.